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HOUSE TO TAKE ACTION AFTER HOLIDAYS.

Political Activities From Emerald Isle Reported of Healthy Character.

Washington, Dec. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Action will be taken by the house foreign affairs committee soon after the Christmas holidays on the resolution which carries a request from congress to the United States peace commissioners to urge on the peace conference action that will insure for Ireland self-determination of its form of government.

The speeches and arguments in support of such action by congress made two weeks ago to the committee by members of delegations numbering 200 American men and women of Irish birth or extraction are being printed by order of the committee and 5,000 copies of the pamphlet will soon be ready for distribution. It was stated today.

It was forecast by members of the house generally that the action of the committee on the resolution will be favorable, and that the resolution will go to the house with the recommendation that it be passed.

Many members of the house, not members of the committee, who are heartily in accord with the principle of the resolution, declared they were working actively in its support and are asking the opportunity to advocate it on the floor of the house.

They add that they desire to refer to recent reports of alleged conditions in Ireland, especially the report that the island was being inflamed by bolshevik agitators from America. The rigidity of the passport regulations enforced by both the United States and the British government makes such a condition impossible, they assert, when information from reliable sources indicates that the political activities in Ireland are of a "healthy character and confined mainly to a contest for votes among the Sinn Fein and rival political parties."

OFF THE WIRES

The cost of living in New York state has increased 62 per cent. since 1914, according to figures made public.

Second Lieutenant E. S. Munford, of Washington, an army aviator attached to the first provisional wing, was instantly killed when his scout monoplane plunged 200 feet to the ground at Hazelhurst field at Mineola, N. Y.

Fourteen carloads of Christmas packages from the United States arrived at Coblenz for the American troops.

The first cavalry brigade of Belgian troops have entered Germany, having reached Dalsdorf.

New strikes have broken out in the Silesian coal field as a result of agitation carried on by agents of Dr. Liebknecht.

Influenza has turned the island of Tahiti into a charnel place. At the crest of Papeete they burn great pyres, with sheet-covered bodies of many natives waiting to be thrown into the ashes of those who have been consumed by the flames.

Two delegations of Frenchmen arrived at New York aboard the transport France from Paris. One of these, consisting of fourteen members and headed by Commandant Louis de Jean, was bound to Washington.

Reports of influenza and pneumonia reaching the Massachusetts coast from health from eighty-four cities and towns outside of Boston showed 1,791 new cases and twenty-nine deaths.

First Lieutenant W. C. Whitaker, of Oklahoma City, Okla., of the Third attachment company, 1st Cavalry Division, section of Camp Morrison, Va., was found dead in the room of a local hotel at Hampton with a bullet wound in his head.

Two hundred and fifty men and thirty officers from N. Camp Polk, N. C., the first tank unit to arrive at Fort Benning, reached Columbus, Ga., with a number of white tanks. Another unit of the tank service is expected next week from Camp Dix, N. J.

Prince Conrad von Hohenlohe-Schillingsfuerst, formerly premier of Austria and at one time military governor of Trieste died suddenly while attending a hunt in Herta.

The German foreign office at Berlin and the chancellery adjoining it which is at present the seat of the government, were blockaded for an hour and a half by a squad of sailors which had been doing guard duty there for the past month.

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CHRISTMAS ON THE SUBMARINE IS TIME OF GREAT REJOICING

Excellent Dinner and Holiday Spirit Make Seamen Forget Perils of Their Profession.

(London Times-Pall Mall Ledger Correspondence.)

London, Dec. 24.—The spirit of Christmas, deep rooted throughout our race, is stronger than the spirit of war, and that is why soldiers and sailors alike, while they are still face to face with the grim realities of war, take good care to celebrate their Christmas.

A submarine on patrol offers about as many facilities for festivities as an outpost in "no man's land." But no matter what the scene, or how obtrusive the evidence of the season is present. The parcel from home, carefully retained unopened till the 25th, the lot of rum or the ration of plum pudding make all the difference; and they can be taken in a brief respite snatched even from the sternest task. It may be that while the homeland valleys are reverberating with the message rung from every church bell, the submarine is playing some daring game in the enemy's waters, worming out his secrets, negotiating a deadly minefield, or pressing home an attack; it matters little; the thoughts of the crew wander homeward to the old familiar scenes, peopled them as they were in the days of peace. And in no less degree is this feeling evinced at home. Men and women are revived as thoughts fly out to every unit of the fighting forces and efforts are made to conjure to the mind the doings at that particular moment of the various conferences in the family, widely separated, perhaps, over the great field of war.

Others Degree of Comfort. Designed for the stern necessities of war, the submarine nevertheless offers a degree of comfort which the officers and crews, with characteristic ingenuity, fashion for themselves. Their wants while cruising are few—first and foremost sleep, then some recreation. The seafaring man has an infinite capacity for sleep, and when off watch he is entirely oblivious of the trials and dangers that encompass him. Absolute confidence in his shipmates is the origin of this quality; and very necessary it is, for without it no man could endure for long the ceaseless strain and racket of life on a submarine. Much of the first time is spent in sleep, and the balance is devoted to playing cards and other games, and, of course, letter writing—the seaman, like the soldier, is an inveterate letter writer. In the older boats men sleep on the deck at their

stations, ready instantly for the alarm, or else curled up in some convenient nook or cranny, sought out and found by a kind of unerring instinct. In the latest type of boats they have comfortable bunks in the mess room, which are also fitted out with tables where they take their meals.

No man can work his best unless he is well fed, and this fact is ever borne in mind, particularly so at Christmas time, when the regular rations are augmented by delicacies dear to the heart of the seaman. Electric ranges have been devised in which meals are prepared the right and savory smell of which would arouse hungry mouths watching in the landman in making a home on shore provided with all the space and utensils of a modern kitchen the Christmas dinner falls far short of that enjoyed on submarines while actually hunting the enemy in his own zones.

Boat in Christmas Garb. And so, the very boat itself seems possessed of the Christmas spirit, for the sprig of holly and the many-colored bunting, thoroughly inclosed in some parcel, appear as a matter of course, and familiar songs echo through the mess decks. They are songs the seamen love to sing, highly sentimental perhaps, but with an underlying pathos not always appreciated by the landman.

The daily life of the crew of a submarine calls forth the very best qualities of the men and it is correspondingly exhausting. Mere physical rest seems impossible, the recuperation that is necessary. That alone can be supplied by the gracious and strengthening influence of home, and since luck is the crew whose leave happens to fall at Christmas time, for those less fortunate it is merely a postponement of the family reunion, for as far as circumstances permit, leave is granted after every alternate cruise, so that the men never wholly lose touch with the daily rounds and of the wife so bravely enrolled for home service for husband and children. The adventures, the perils dared and overcome, the deadly cold and fiercer storms never weaken the "home instinct," and at the magic whisper—leave—they are just like school boys on breaking-up day. School boys in joyous exhilaration—but deep down is the insistent and abiding love of home, that under all our Anglo-Saxon reticence and reserve, is our national impulse. It drives men forth to face a daily comradeship with death itself in defense of that they hold dearer than any life, the conflict over only for the brief period of leave—it calls them, with no less imperious appeal, to take up the manifold activities of tender intimacies of their own fireside.

PROHIBITION NOW HOLDS SWAY IN THIRTY STATES—MORE TO FOLLOW

(By Clarence True Wilson.)

General secretary of Temperance, Prohibition and Morals of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Washington, Dec. 25.—A survey of the wet and dry situation throughout the country just compiled by the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal church shows that there are 2,546 dry counties and 351 wet counties, a gain of 460 counties for the dry.

During the year the dry won statewide victories in Ohio, Florida, Wyoming and Nevada, with a recount pending in Minnesota. They were defeated in Missouri and California, but elected ratification legislatures in both states.

There are at present thirty dry states, not including Texas, where a statewide prohibition law was held by the state supreme court to be contrary to the constitutional provision for local option. At present, opening of saloons in that state is being prevented by injunction and refusal of the controller to grant licenses. The probability is that the federal constitutional prohibition amendment will be ratified before February 1, 1919.

The following fifteen states have already approved the amendment: Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas and Virginia. The total vote for the amendment in these fifteen states legislatures was 1,467, and the total vote against was 345.

The following states which have not ratified are considered certain to do so: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Wyoming. All of these legislatures meet in January. The list includes every state which has not already ratified except New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. New York an even proposition and New Jersey probably opposed to the amendment.

Alabama, where action on the amendment was thought doubtful, elected a dry legislature of twenty-five to ten in the Senate and seventy-five to thirty-one in the house. In Connecticut there is a seventy-five ratification majority in the house and the senate is considered safe. In Illinois there will be about ten majority in each house for ratification. In Rhode Island, only recently considered against the amendment, the vote in the legislature will probably be twenty-three to sixteen dry in the senate and fifty-five to forty-five dry in the house. The Wisconsin legislature, which would naturally be considered uncertain, will ratify by about twenty-two to eleven and forty-nine to twenty-one.

During 1918 congress passed the food stimulation bill with a so-called war prohibition section, which was signed by the president Nov. 21. Congress has enacted prohibition for Hawaii and the president forbade the manufacture of beer, his order becoming effective Dec. 1.

Unpretending Affair. This morning's Christmas tree was brought into the castle for tonight's celebration, which will be a most unpretentious affair. Those participating besides the ex-emperor and empress will be a number of officers who resigned their commissions in the German army in order to remain in the vicinity of their former ruler's retreat, and household servants and orderlies. Several of these officers were busy throughout the day arranging the details of the celebration in which Count Von Bentinck will participate. They purchased presents, which the former emperor and empress will exchange according to custom, and also gifts for their attendants. The ex-emperor is as yet undecided about making public declaration and still declines to receive any correspondents.

NEW MINISTRY

Heads of Portuguese Government Are Named by Tamaritini Ba-Rbosa.

Lisbon, Dec. 25.—A new ministry has been formed, as follows:

Premier and Minister of the Interior—Tamaritini Ba-Rbosa.

Minister of Finance—Belmas.

Minister of War—Cortezal.

Minister of Marine—Souza Faro.

Minister of Justice—Alfonso Mello.

Minister of Commerce—Azevedo.

Minister of Agriculture—Fernandes.

Minister of Labor—Forbes Bessa.

Minister of Colonies—Baptista Coelho.

Minister of Public Instruction—Alfredo Magalhães.

Minister of Food—Azevedo.

UNIQUE "L" TICKETS

Boston System Adopts Chinese Coin Idea.

Boston.—(I. N. S.)—Metal tokens are to replace the cardboard tickets on the Boston elevated railway system. The trustees of the road have ordered 4,000,000 of the tokens. They are about the size of a nickel, are made of brass and resemble Chinese cash. In the center of each token is the letter "L" and around it is an open space as in some Chinese coins. Upon the outer face of the disc, encircling the "L" appear the words "Good for one fare." The cost of the tokens will be 2 cents apiece.

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"I am very much pleased to have the opportunity to say a good word for Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. M. M. Baxtel, Moberly, Mo. "I think it is the best thing for stomach troubles and constipation that I have ever used." The above shows the high esteem in which Chamberlain's Tablets are held by those who have used them. Give them a trial. They will do you good.—(Adv.)

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